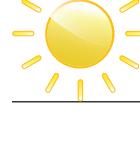


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Honor System violations lead to lengthy process

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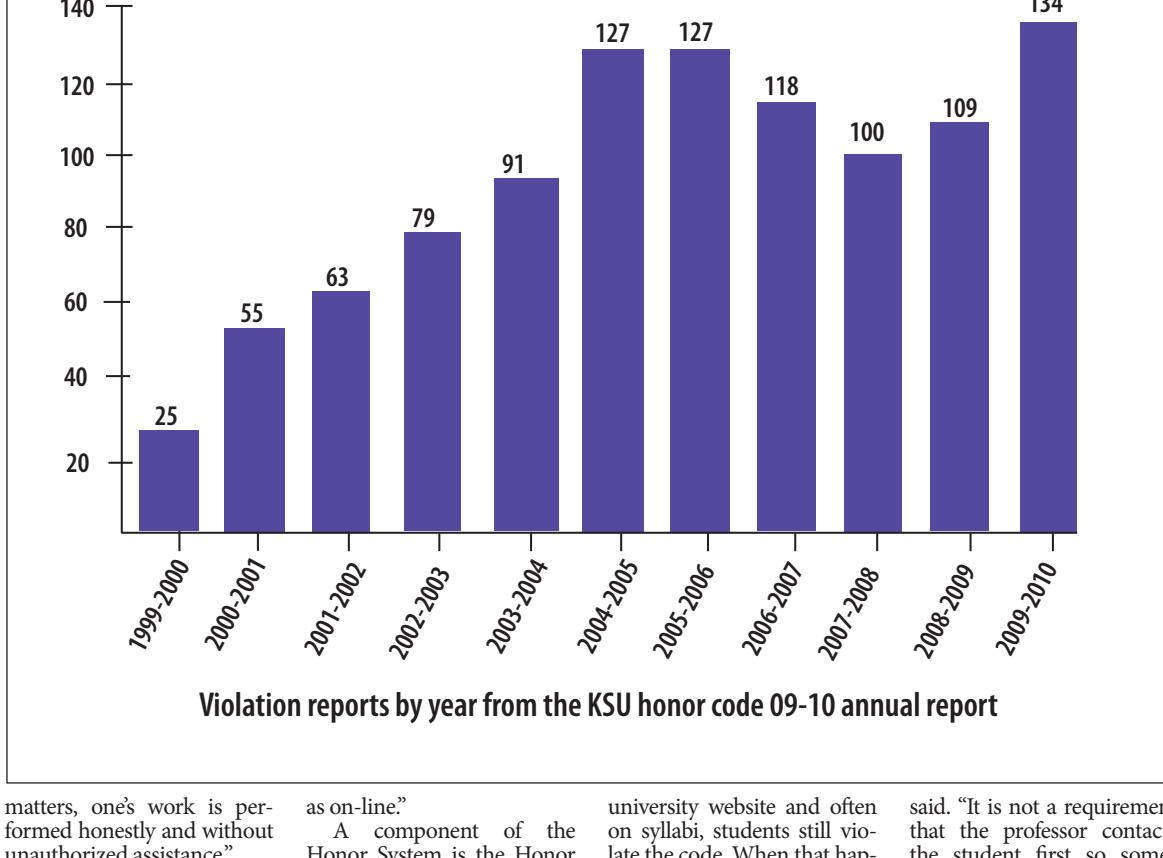
Caroline Sweeney
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In 1994, K-State experienced an incident of cheating that made national news. The Nov. 2 issue of the Kansas State Collegian reports, "The answers to the biology exam were leaked from a student who took the early exam to possibly hundreds of students, 87 of which were caught for academic dishonesty."

This incident, and the efforts of former Provost James Coffman, spurred the formation of what is now the K-State Honor and Integrity System.

Camilla Roberts, interim director for the Honor System said, "at that point, there were a lot of students on campus that heard about this and when they went out on job interviews they were then told 'How can I really trust the K-State degree?'"

According to the K-State website, the university "initiated an Honor System based on personal integrity, which is presumed to be sufficient assurance that, in academic



matters, one's work is performed honestly and without unauthorized assistance."

The website also says this honor system applies to all full and part-time students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate courses on-campus, off-campus as well

as on-line."

A component of the Honor System is the Honor Pledge, which "applies to all assignments, examinations, and other course work undertaken by students."

Regardless of all of these expectations stated on the

university website and often on syllabi, students still violate the code. When that happens, Roberts said there is a system in place that allows for students to receive the due process they deserve.

"It is our office that will contact the student," Roberts

said. "It is not a requirement that the professor contacts the student first so sometimes it is the first time that they even hear they have an honor pledge violation. We'll ask the student to come and even academic deans."

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Recreation Complex renovations still in progress

Construction timetable now estimates additions to Rec to be completed by November or December 2012.

Mark Joerling
staff writer

The Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex is a venue at K-State that many students use on a regular basis. The Rec Complex features all kinds of equipment for cardio and weight training, basketball courts, racquetball courts and holds a plethora of fitness classes, all designed to meet the demands of students with active lifestyles.

Anyone who has worked out at the Rec Complex this school year, however, is all too familiar with the construction fences and detours that have caused a headache in the parking lot and turned hallways into exercise rooms. According to Clint Hafliger, associate director of Recreational Services, this temporary annoyance will be well worth it once the construction project is complete.

"The reason students voted



The new edition to the south end of the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex creates a lighted skyline by the Jardine Apartments. New additions within the building will include a juice bar and a lounge.

for this in 2007 was over-crowding," Hafliger said. "Currently our facility is in the bottom half of the Big 12. After the construction is complete, I'd say it'll easily be in the top half, maybe top two or three when taking our student ratio into account."

The \$23 million expansion project includes a rock-climbing wall, a multi-activity court that is suitable for playing a

wide variety of sports such as roller hockey and indoor soccer, more fitness rooms, a 10,000 square foot addition to the cardio and weight room, personal training rooms and an extended track that will be one-fifth of a mile compared to the current one-eighth of a mile.

The expansion will also feature a new entrance on the south side facing Jardine

Apartments and will update the interior to be more aesthetically appealing by incorporating a purple K-State color scheme. Students voted for this expansion in 2007, agreeing to an increase in student facility fees from \$20 to \$30 a semester.

Originally, part of the ex-

pansion project was sched-

uled for completion by the

end of January 2012, with the

full project finished by the start of the fall 2012 semester. This time-table has now been pushed back, with the new completion date in November or December 2012.

"We were hoping to have part of it open in January, but had to make some changes that would work out better," Hafliger said. "It probably

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Students explore international prospects at Study Abroad Fair

Anton Trafimovich
staff writer

Students looking for international experience visited the Study Abroad Fair that was held at the K-State Student Union Courtyard on Tuesday.

K-State offers study abroad opportunities in more than 85 countries, something that Karli Webster, director of the K-State's study abroad program, said that she and ambassadors of the program wanted to expose.

"That's where we'd like to showcase all of the study abroad options available for students," she said.

Webster said they hold such a fair in the beginning of each semester and that they have different programs for

K-staters of any major. Some programs allow students to be more independent and venture out on their own, while other programs are short-term faculty-led trips. These take two to six weeks and go within winter intersession or over the summer.

Webster also said 70 to 80 scholarships are provided every semester, and that some of them are really valuable. For instance, there are 25 scholarships from private donors that are \$5,000 each.

"They are really easy to apply for," Webster said. "Just apply online through our website. The application deadline for scholarships is the same as for programs. It's March 16."

Students can browse programs by their major on the

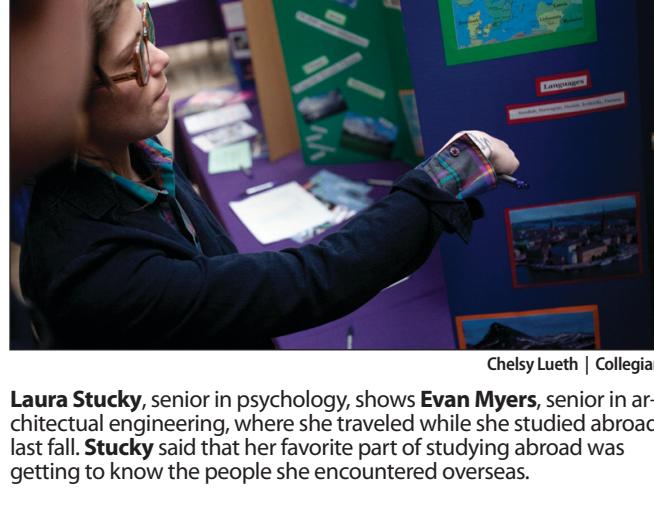
study abroad website.

Michelle Pflughoef, senior in marketing and peer adviser with the study abroad program, said the study abroad office offers peer advising and walk-in appointments from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in 304 Fairchild Hall. The office also welcomes questions via email, which is overseas@kstu.edu.

Pflughoef was also presenting information and opportunities about studying abroad in Germany. She participated in such a program herself and was excited about it.

"One university was right on the border with Poland," she said. "While university itself is in Germany, some of the dorms are in Poland. So you

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Laura Stucky, senior in psychology, shows Evan Myers, senior in architectural engineering, where she traveled while she studied abroad last fall. Stucky said that her favorite part of studying abroad was getting to know the people she encountered overseas.

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Telefund raises money for colleges, scholarships

Tim Schrag
staff writer

The third floor of the KSU Foundation has been bustling with activity during the evening hours. Around 5:45 to 6 p.m. students file in, take their stations and begin to make phone calls. In the corner of the room a large board denotes the amount of money pledged to K-State so far thanks to these students.

The K-State Telefund, K-State's annual giving campaign, is underway. There is a general buzz of discussion in the air with the occasional cheer of excitement that someone has either received a large pledge or, more likely, got a bingo on his or her Telefund card they received when they sat down at their stations. Those involved in the campaign include students, faculty members, foundation staff and even academic deans.

"I like to come to cheer on our students and answer their questions and occasionally to say hello to an alumnus," said Virginia Moxley, dean of the College of Human Ecology.

Moxley described the funds raised by her students during Telefund as versatile because they help students through scholarships and programs. Moxley also said she is very appreciative to the students who make the calls.

"These funds that are raised mean so much to us," she said. "We award scholarships, we can help students travel internationally, we can get them to professional meetings ... it makes a lot of difference for us."

For more than 30 years K-State students from every academic college and department have been making phone calls to alumni during the month of February to raise money for scholarships and programs in their fields of study.

Jeff Pfannenstiel, the Foundation's assistant director of annual giving and student programs, said the campaign, which started on Sunday, has gotten off to a great start. Sunday night callers raised nearly \$160,000 for the colleges of Agriculture and Human Ecology. Monday evening callers from the College of Human Ecology raised \$4,000 in under an hour. Each college will have students place phone calls for five days during the campaign.

Pfannenstiel said Telefund aims to raise \$1.5 million, despite hard economic times.

"While the economy is certainly an issue for people, we don't see it as a huge detriment to our campaign," he said.

In fact, during the last fiscal year the foundation had its largest fundraising campaign at \$107 million dollars.

"Even in the times that we are in, K-Staters are loyal," Pfannenstiel said. "They like to give back to K-State and they see the importance of giving annually."

According to the College of Agriculture's Twitter account, callers reached their college's goal of \$100,000 in two days of calling.

Cassie Kniebel, junior in animal science and agribusiness, has spent more than 30 hours working with her college on Telefund before a single call was placed. She and several others have been working to organize students and get them to volunteer. Now that she is assisting those student callers as they ask for donations.

"It's a faster pace," she said. "It's a lot of fun working with all the students across the College of Agriculture, most of them are my friends and I know everybody - it's a way for me to get to know everybody and just learn more and work with alumni."

Kniebel also said she encourages everyone to get involved with Telefund at some point in their college career.



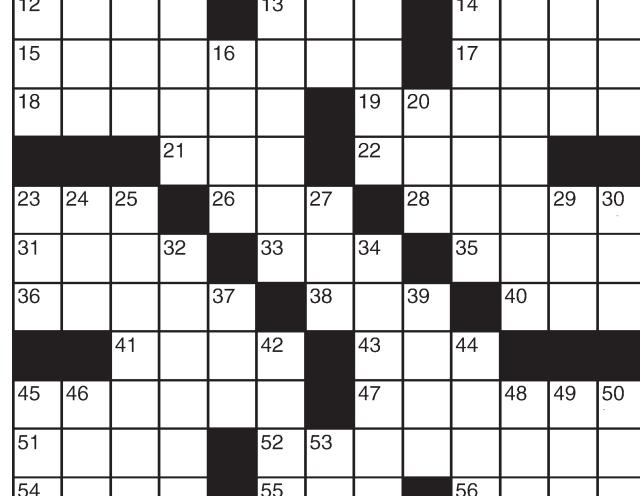
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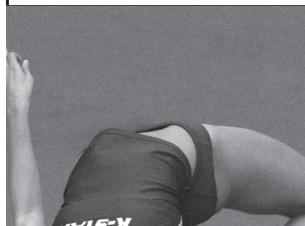
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats travel to Texas

K-State tied for second in Big 12 Conference; Texas recovering from loss against Texas Tech.

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

Fresh off of a road-win at Oklahoma State, K-State's women's basketball team is scheduled to take on the Texas Longhorns tonight in Austin, Texas, at 7 p.m.

"We're in a battle, you know. There is a clump in this league right now and we, game by game, want to scratch and claw to be a part of climbing above, and not falling below. Every game is so important."

Deb Patterson
K-State head coach

While the Wildcats (14-6, 5-3) are celebrating their previous win, which got them out of a three-game losing streak and gave them their current second place position in the Big 12 Conference. However, the Longhorns (13-7, 3-5) are looking to regain their pride after losing to Texas Tech on Saturday afternoon.

"That team is desperate right now," K-State head coach Deb Patterson said about Texas. "They just lost a game to an in-state rival; they have got to get a win to stay in the upper half of this league. So we're catching them at a time when they've got pride on the line and they've got a lot of the standings on the line. So, flat out, they need to win."

Texas will put a strong starting five on the court, including sophomore guard Chassidy Fussell who leads the team as she averages 16.7 points per game and recently scored 19 points against Texas Tech, and senior guard Yvonne Anderson, who put away 18 points and played the entire 40 minutes of the game against Texas Tech.

The Longhorns know how to shoot the ball, which is evident in the team's 69.7 points-per-game average this season. Despite Texas's unimpressive 3-5 Big 12 record, Patterson said she believes Texas has more to them than the numbers show.

"Texas, in my opinion, is a top 15 program, there's no question," Patterson said. "They just haven't gotten the job done. When they make up their mind they're gonna, and they're unbelievably talented. I mean, their first five, anybody in America wants [them] on their roster."

While K-State only averages 59.8 points per game, they are 3-1 in away games this Big 12 season, and junior guard Brittany Chambers has confidence in her team.

"Texas is really, really athletic, and their guards are really quick," Chambers said. "If they catch fire they can be really tough to guard. They're going to try and intimidate you on the defensive end. I think that if we stick to our game plan and how we play, it'll be fine."

Chambers is currently averaging 16.1 points per game and not far behind her is senior forward Jalana Childs with a 14.3 point scoring average. As of this week, joining the two in double-digits is senior guard Tasha Dickey who, after putting away 15 points for the Wildcats last weekend, is averaging 10 points per game.

While Chambers scored 29 points and stole 10 rebounds against Oklahoma State, other players stepped up for K-State adding



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Emma Ostermann, senior guard, sprints down the court to score a quick two points against Missouri State on Nov. 18, 2011, on the Wildcat's home court in Bramlage Coliseum.

depth and consistency to their roster that is much needed as the busy Big 12 schedule comes to midway.

Freshman guard Ashia Woods had an impressive showing last weekend, and Patterson said she is more than just Dickey's sub. Woods came away with 7 points and 21 minutes of play, and also had a strong defensive showing.

"Against Oklahoma State she did the job on the defense, she did the

job on the offense, and she did the job as a rebounder," Patterson said. "And that's what Ashia's capable of. I think if she will give that much of herself every day we have remaining, we're going to see a whole other level of Ashia Woods."

Upon returning from Texas, the Wildcats will host undefeated No. 1 Baylor in Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday.

With tonight's road game, and a difficult match on Saturday, the

upcoming two games for K-State could be the toughest this season.

The Wildcats currently sit in a four-way-tie for No. 2 in the Big 12, so every game is crucial to their staying on top.

"We're in a battle, you know," Patterson said. "There is a clump in this league right now and we, game by game, want to scratch and claw to be a part of climbing above, and not falling below. Every game is so important."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

White sinks basket in final seconds, Iowa State Cyclones beat Wildcats



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Jordan Henriquez, junior forward, jumps up for a dunk against an opponent from Maryland Eastern Shore on Nov. 22, 2011, in Bramlage Coliseum.

minutes left to go in the game but Iowa State (16-6, 6-3) would not be denied its fourth win in its last five games.

The Cyclones' defense began to stiffen up and limited K-State's opportunities on the offensive end of the court. Cyclone senior guard Chris Allen connected on a 3-pointer that cut the Wildcats' lead down to two at 60-58 with 7:53 left in the game, but Wildcat sophomore guard Will Spradling answered at the other end with a 3-pointer of his own to take the Wildcats lead back up to five.

In the final minutes of the game, junior guard Rodney McGruder drove the lane and put up a shot that could have drawn a foul, but the referees chose to let the game play on.

Moments later, a White bucket made it 70-69 K-State, then the Cyclones got a stop and junior guard Chris Babb was fouled with

49 seconds left. He only made one free throw which tied the game, but Iowa State got the offensive rebound after Babb missed the second free throw. The rebound gave the Cyclones the opportunity for a final shot and White delivered for Iowa State.

White had several key plays throughout the game that included a highlight reel of thunderous dunks on the Wildcats' defense on his way to leading the Cyclones in scoring with 22 points. He also contributed by adding eight rebounds and four assists.

Allen had 15 points for the Cyclones and senior guard Scott Christopherson had 11 points for Iowa State.

K-State (15-6, 4-5) was led by freshmen forward Thomas Gipson who had 13 points and seven rebounds in just 22 minutes. The Wildcats also had key contributions from McGruder, senior forward Jamar Samuels, and junior guard Martavious Irving who each scored 11 points, respectively.

The loss for the Wildcats is their second straight and comes at the beginning of what is sure to be a tough part of the Big 12 schedule. K-State will face off against Texas A&M at home on Saturday and will again be at home against Texas Tech next Tuesday. Those two games will be key as the Wildcats' next four games, after those two home matchups, include a trip to Austin for a rematch against the Texas Longhorns followed by a home game against the Kansas Jayhawks, then back-to-back road games at Baylor and Missouri.

This loss surely stings, but the Wildcats can't let it affect how they play in the near future. K-State lost three out of four games earlier in the Big 12 schedule but came back to win three straight games. The Wildcats will now try to identify, learn from, and correct their mistakes in order to get this season back on track.

If the team needs further evidence that a turn-around is possible, it can look to the past. Last season K-State was in a slump in Big 12 play but was able to win its final six games to close the regular season.

Simply put, the Wildcats have done it before. They can do it again.

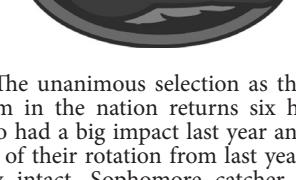
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The K-State men's basketball team did everything it needed to Tuesday night except win the game. For the second time in a week, "Hilton Magic" struck in Ames, Iowa. This time the Iowa State Cyclones took down the K-State Wildcats in the closing seconds after Cyclone sophomore forward Royce White hit a jumper along the baseline with 1.8 seconds left, giving Iowa State the 72-70 victory. K-State controlled much of the game and led by 14 points with 14

College baseball season preview: top 10 teams

Spencer Low
staff writer

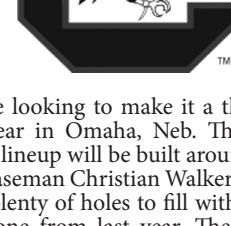
1. Florida:



The unanimous selection as the top team in the nation returns six hitters who had a big impact last year and the top of their rotation from last year will stay intact. Sophomore catcher Mike Zunino headlines a stellar offense after compiling a batting average of .371 and 19 home runs and earning Southeastern Conference Player of the Year and All-American honors.

2. South Carolina:

The two-time defending champions



will be looking to make it a three-peat this year in Omaha, Neb. The Gamecocks' lineup will be built around junior first baseman Christian Walker, but they have plenty of holes to fill with five hitters gone from last year. The pitching staff is led by senior lefty Michael Roth, who led the nation with a 1.06 ERA last year.

3. Stanford:

Junior pitchers Mark Appel, a first round talent come draft time, Brett Mooneyham, who missed last year with a finger injury and is expected to make a strong return, joins him in a good rotation. The right side of the Cardinal

field is as good as any, with juniors Stephen Piscotty and Kenny Diekroeger at third and short respectively.

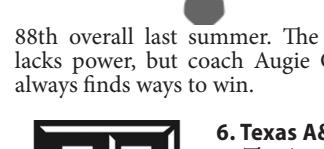
4. North Carolina:

Sophomore third baseman Colin Moran was the national Freshman of the Year last year, and leads an offense which will benefit from the power that junior college transfer Cody Stubbs brings to the table.

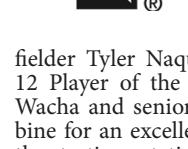
Sophomore pitcher Kent Emanuel will look to improve on a strong freshman season where he finished with a 2.33 ERA. A solid bullpen will no doubt help as the Tar Heels look to make it six trips to Omaha in seven years.

5. Texas:

The Longhorns will look to pitching and defense to punch their ticket to the College World Series. Sophomore Sam Stafford returns to lead the pitching staff after failing to reach an agreement with the New York Yankees who drafted him



88th overall last summer. The offense lacks power, but coach Augie Garrido always finds ways to win.

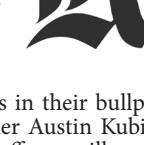


6. Texas A&M:

The Aggies have a fast lineup chock full of athletes who will put plenty of pressure on opposing teams, led by junior right fielder Tyler Naquin, the reigning Big 12 Player of the Year. Junior Michael Wacha and senior Ross Stripling combine for an excellent one-two punch in the starting rotation.

7. Rice: Coach

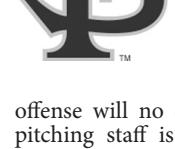
Wayne Graham has turned Rice into a powerhouse, and they look to get back to Omaha, as they have not appeared in the College World Series since 2008. The Owls' strength resides in their bullpen, and sophomore pitcher Austin Kubitz is an ace starter. The offense will center around junior Michael Ratterree, who moves from second base to left field this year.



8. Arkansas:



The Razorback offense is headed by freshman All-American Dominic Ficocello, but the real strength is in their pitching staff. Junior D.J. Baxendale and sophomore Ryne Stanek are set to lead one of the nation's finest pitching staffs.



9. Florida State:

Florida State's offense was stellar in 2011, leading the nation in doubles and walks, and returns five regulars this year, including all four infielders. While their offense will no doubt be strong, their pitching staff is a big question mark now that last year's ace Sean Gilmartin is gone.

10. Georgia Tech:



After three straight regional losses at home, the Yellow Jackets are hoping to return to Omaha once again. Four freshmen saw significant playing time last year, and their experience will help a balanced lineup led by senior first baseman Jake Davies and sophomore right fielder Daniel Palka.

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'Freshman 15' myth debunked, average student gains less

National study reports first year students gain an average of 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 pounds

Jena Sauber
staff writer

It has been blamed on soft serve ice cream, stuffed crust pizza and weekend alcohol binges. First introduced in Seventeen Magazine in 1989, the "freshman 15" has almost become synonymous with thoughts of the first year of college. But how much of the infamous weight gain is fact and how much is myth?

According to a study published in the December 2011 edition of the Social Science Quarterly titled "The Freshman 15: A Critical Time for Obesity Intervention or Media Myth," many young adults do experience weight gain their freshman year of college, but it is rarely as many as 15 pounds.

Instead, the average weight gain was between 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 pounds.

The study used a nationally representative random sample from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY97) from 1997, which includes approximately 9,000 people born between 1980 and 1984. Participants had to have lived in the United States in 1997 to be eligible for the study.

The study, conducted by Patricia Smith and Jay Zagorsky of Ohio State University, looked at factors such as gender, residence, type of college attended, number of hours taken, number of years in degree program and level of alcohol consumption.

After observations were made, Smith concluded that students in a two-year program gained more weight than those in the four-year



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program. Freshman women living off campus gained an average of one pound more than those living in a dorm. Freshman men in the dorms, however, gained an average of 1.1 pounds more compared to those off-campus.

In addition, males who drank heavily gained an average of 4.1 pounds, while those who considered themselves not heavy drinkers only gained 3.2 pounds.

According to the K-State Department of Housing and Dining Services website, more than 5,000 students live in the K-State residence halls, many of whom eat at Van Zile, Derby, or Kramer dining centers. Each dining center provides multiple options at each meal for students to choose from in an all-you-can-eat setting.

"We have so many options with six serving lines

available, but it's up to the students to make the decisions of what they eat," said Valerie Donelan, dietitian specialist for Housing and Dining Services. "We do have fresh fruit and vegetables available every day that they can choose."

Lacey Lokken, freshman in psychology, has taken advantage of many of the healthier options offered at the K-State dining centers.

"I've gotten a lot better about eating since coming to college," Lokken said. "I usually get a salad, and I eat more fruits and vegetables now."

Since attending K-State, Lokken thinks she might have even lost weight eating at the dining centers, something she credits to the healthy options at hand.

"I eat healthier because it's available," Lokken said. "There was a lot of junk

food available at my house, and fresh fruits and vegetables weren't always available. Sometimes I just didn't feel like making anything at home, but here, it's already made."

Losing weight after starting college is not rare, Smith said. According to the study, a quarter of freshmen students reporting losing weight during their first year.

While many students reported losing weight, or gaining only 2 to 3 pounds, not all participants fell within that range. One percent of responders reported gaining slightly more than 36 pounds their freshman year, and 10 percent reported gaining almost 13 pounds their first year.

Weight gain, no matter if it is 3 pounds or 36 pounds, can have many causes in college, said Julie Gibbs, di-

rector of Health Promotion and Nutrition Counseling at Lafene Health Center.

"A lot of weight gain is due to different foods," Gibbs said. "They are going from mom and dad's house and high school to eating at college. There is usually a huge difference in what they eat, whether that's fast food, or just incomplete meals."

What's being eaten is a large part of weight control, but not the entire story, Gibbs said.

"When individuals gain or lose weight, it is usually about 70 percent diet. But there's exercise, too," Gibbs said. "A lot of students go from organized sports in high school to not really doing a lot in college."

Weight management isn't a Monday through Friday issue, either, Gibbs said.

"We hate to admit it, but

students' social lives are a factor. If you go out on the weekends, a couple of drinks can add up to another meal," Gibbs said.

Diet and exercise are obvious weight management techniques, but stress and sleep are also important to maintaining a healthy weight, Gibbs said.

"Stress is another big part to think about. With that is the lack of sleep," Gibbs said. "A lack of sleep equals eating more and not being as active."

In order to combat weight gain, Gibbs suggests students set a routine that focuses on a healthy diet and exercise.

"I highly suggest getting on a set exercise routine for weight management, increased productivity, and good energy levels. It helps you sleep better, eat better and combat stress," Gibbs said.

Weight isn't just about a number on a scale, Gibbs said.

"For a lot of people, gaining weight gives you a low self-esteem. People are less likely to do as well in general with a low self-esteem. You don't have that built up confidence," Gibbs said. "In addition, if you are overweight, you'll have less energy and be less productive."

While researchers have found that the infamous "freshman 15" may be less sinister than previously thought, the ideas behind it, healthy eating and portion control, are still important factors for people of all ages, Donelan said.

"The most important thing for anyone to remember is healthy portions and keeping in mind what is healthier and less healthy," Donelan said. "Instead of making the decision to get fried food every meal, or all six options, stop at just one. It's all about portion control."

DC Entertainment launches campaign to fight hunger in Africa



Courtesy of DC Entertainment

Tyler Brown
edge editor

Africa. It's a continent many believe to be the birthplace of modern humanity, yet is mostly ignored by modern society. With first world countries concerned only with political threats and revolutions on the continent, countries like Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya are left to suffer what's being called the worst drought in 60 years.

Although many organizations strive to provide aid, DC Entertainment, famous for its comics, is now entering the fray to fight to save these people.

Partnering with nonprofit organizations such as Save the Children, International Rescue Committee, and Mercy Corps, DC Entertainment has started their "We Can Be Heroes" campaign hoping to raise awareness for the hunger crisis that is affecting more than 13 million

people according to their site, joinwecanbeheroes.org.

When viewers go to the organization's website, what greets them are the blacked out forms of DC Comics superheroes Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, Green Lantern, Aquaman and Cyborg.

Certain distinguishable features from each hero are highlighted just so viewers know that they're looking at members of the Justice League. With so many

iconic heroes, it's obvious this campaign is meant to draw in those familiar with DC's heroes that have been in its comics for more than 70 years.

"I think in a way, this sort of thing works out," said Shaun Baker, graduate student in English. "I don't know if it will work today as when I was a kid - back then, there were a lot of public service announcements with Spider-Man and today, Superman is one of the most

recognizable faces in the world. And with the visibility DC is garnering right now with the relaunch controversies, upcoming Batman movie, and recent rebranding with a new logo, they're in a better position than most entertainment companies to promote awareness."

The website greets viewers with a video of people on the street answering the question, "What do you do when someone needs you?" When exploring the site, viewers can also read short biographies about each hero, donate or choose to purchase items with the logo printed on them - 50 percent of the proceeds from the items will be donated. As Time Warner is the parent company of DC, the website promises to match each donation (up to \$1 million per person).

"We are such an emotional culture and when something hits a chord with us, especially through the visual aid of our time, it can propel us to see things differently and want to take action," said Sarah Eha, senior in vocal performance, in an email interview. "For me it's not just the basic needs that need to be met but the long-term and eternal as well. We all need to play a part though. We have been born into privilege and with that comes responsibility. And these organizations are a gateway for anyone who can help."

This is not the first time the comics industry has delivered social messages. During World War II, characters like Marvel's

Bucky, Captain America's sidekick, urged readers to do their part by donating all extra materials to the war effort. This, of course, helped parents get rid of comics they believed to be harmful to their children under the influence of Frederic Wertham.

Another event the comics industry reacted to was 9/11. Marvel and DC Comics both published special issues or volumes that featured some of the most talented writers and artists and the proceeds went to the families of 9/11 victims.

Joe Sanders, assistant professor of English, reflected on DC's 1986 comic, "Heroes Against Hunger," which was created to raise awareness for a famine in Ethiopia.

"Last time they made a charitable comic which the artists and writers did for free, the sales generated contribution funds," he said. "This is kind of in the Livestrong or (Red) campaign genre where there's a brand driving the charity rather than an object driving the charity."

With this campaign just starting up, it remains to be seen how the iconic images of DC Entertainment's heroes will affect donations.

"It's a way to connect comics readers to social activism," said Philip Nel, professor in English. "It's a way to say you don't need to be helpless. Comics are not merely escapism. Comics are about 'us' about our world, and they show us ways to change our world. And that's a good thing because it's empowering."

Student talent showcased in first round of K-State Idol auditions

Catherine Doll
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

For the past few years, the Union Program Council has hosted K-State Idol. The competition is a fun way to highlight all the talent we have here at K-State, especially for students who may not normally perform. Kicking off the semester, the auditions for Idol were held Monday night in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union.

Two of the six student judges for the preliminary rounds were Alicia Shankle, UPC co-chair and senior in marketing, and Michael

Murray, sophomore in business administration. Shankle and Murray said they were looking for "stage presence and vocal ability, someone who is well-rounded." Beyond that, contestants were judged in four categories: stage presence, content quality, creativity and precision/consistency.

UPC did things a little differently this year, providing numbers for contestants to wear and yellow sheets for the judges to hand out, making it feel a little more like television. Judges were shocked by the number of people who signed up to audition, noting that the number of auditions almost doubled from last year; however, they do think that getting the promotions out earlier contributed to that.

Jake Weakland, junior in communication studies, was the first to face the judges with

a support group of friends present. He's no stranger to K-State Idol, having auditioned before.

"I didn't make it my freshman year, but the next year I sang Michael Bublé and got in," Weakland said.

This year he sang his own composition, but didn't have a title for it yet. Weakland says he wants the message in his song to resonate with the, "emptiness and pursuit of purpose that is in every college student."

Carlos Barron, senior in business management, also sang an original composition. He said he was worried beforehand that he would forget his lyrics. Then it happened.

"I tried to cover it, but I totally blanked and that's never happened to me," Barron said.

He admitted he had just written the song two days

before and finished it Sunday. Barron went on to say it's not his first time auditioning.

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in architectural engineering. The sisters sang "Killing Me Softly" by The Fugees.

Newell likes the song, so she gets to pick," Beth said.

Both said they get their looks from their mother, and their musical talent from their dad who still has a dream of a family band.

"Our dad does everything

- piano, guitar, sings," Newell said.

Valerie Rock, senior in mass communications, knows both sisters from the residence halls and through mutual friends. She said they are both "funny and sweet individually, but when their powers combine they're even better."

After auditioning, Beth said, "there was a funny moment when I didn't realize we were done singing, but I covered it by saying 'we're

done singing now aren't we?'"

When asked if they feel like they got in, they had different answers - Newell said she felt like answering could jinx it, but Beth admitted that she hoped they made it.

The sisters have a YouTube video of themselves singing, so if you want a preview, you can search "BowmanSister-Covers," on the video-hosting site.

Throughout the evening, more than 40 talented students showed up to wow the judges in the hopes of continuing on in the K-State Idol competition. Each performer brought their own style and flair, and each of them showcased the fact that there are many talented students at K-State. Sixteen acts will be selected to move on, and they are sure to wow at the final show.

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Students should be accountable for actions

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As students, there is a sense of heightened responsibility when coming to college. With new freedoms come new expectations. And honesty will remain an important expectation carried throughout adulthood.

With that said, it seems obvious as to why cheating and academic dishonesty is taken so seriously at universities. However, each school faces a number of students who go against the honor code year after year. For K-State, the number of cases has been on the rise, with 61 people caught cheating since August 2011. More than half were reported during finals week.

It makes us wonder, why would you pay so much money to attend college only to cheat your way through the difficult courses? How is it that so many students fall into the temptation of dishonesty?

Students in years past have gone above and beyond to get away with cheating, forming new and unexpected ways to go unnoticed. Hats have been used to write answers on the bill, forcing teachers to ban hats altogether during test times. Students have pasted answers, formulas and "cheat sheets" on the inside of their graphing calculators, taking advantage of the luxury to have them in the first place. All this time spent creating these elaborate cheating schemes could be spent studying for the test itself.

In the same token, there are cases where professors have wrongly accused students of cheating, whether because a test score was too high or a paper was written beyond the student's ability. Should the accusation prove to be false, the only harm that does is to the student's confidence. All previous work should be heavily considered and weighed before making such a claim.

Unfortunately, with the Internet easier to access, it may be tempting to seek immediate answers through the web.

However, there are also available resources on campus to help a struggling student. Take for example the numerous tutoring and mentoring services. Every teacher has available office hours, and many are more than happy to help a student in need. Unfortunately, there are not as many bosses with the same attitude outside of college that are willing to mentor you through your job.

So take advantage of the services available and don't let yourself take the easy route of cheating. The safest bet would be to fight the temptations of peeking off someone else's paper. Sure, it may be easier to finish your home test with classmate Jane Doe, but is it really worth the risk? Chances are, probably not.

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FAIR | Students study abroad, share experiences, stories

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walk from Poland to Germany to your classes."

Other K-Staters who already studied abroad were telling students at the fair about the countries in which they had studied.

Laura Stucky, senior in psychology, just came back from Sweden, where she was taking social science classes for one semester. Apart from the educational experience, Stucky said she appreciated Scandinavian culture.

"This mindset they have, their moderation, is really great," Stucky said. "Not too

much on one side or the other and people incorporate it in every part of their life."

Meghan Blythe, junior in agricultural economics, spent two weeks in China through a faculty-led trip. Blythe said there are a lot of other opportunities in China through the study abroad office.

"They have semester-long trips, summer trips. I used the short two weeks," Blythe said. "It was an agricultural tour. Additionally we spent some time in Shanghai and Beijing, some larger cities and have seen such tourist things as [The] Great Wall of China."

Apart from learning differ-

ences between tropical soils of Brazil and soils in Kansas, Laura Kemp, senior in agronomy, liked the food they cook in Brazil.

"It's so much better than here," she said. "Especially the barbecue."

International exchange students operated some of the booths at the fair. Petr Distler came to K-State for the spring semester from the Czech Republic and told fair attendees about advantages of studying in Prague.

"It's an inexpensive country," Distler said. "We have very nice public transport. It costs only \$13 a month. A

lot of theaters, movie theaters and rich cultural life foreign students can find in Czech Republic. And it is also quite a small country in the middle of Europe, so you can travel and see a lot of other countries around."

Some visitors of the fair received offers to experience university life internationally and now are thinking about studying abroad.

David Batchellor, sophomore in history, was intrigued by the Germany and the Nazi Past program offered in May.

"I'd like to go there. When I was younger, I lived in Germany, as my dad is in the army," Batchellor said. "I'm in a history major and a program like this will work well for me."

Enqiang Zhang, freshman in hotel and restaurant management, sees the opportunity to study abroad as a means to make his stay in K-State more diverse. He is hoping to spend one semester in Hong Kong.

"I've found the program in Hong Kong university just here. They have my major, which is hotel management," Zhang said. "Maybe I'll do my fourth semester there so I don't have to stay in Manhattan all the time, and can spend one semester abroad."

HONOR CODE | Class offered about integrity

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meet with me to review the case. One of the major components of the Honor System is to give the student due process.

Students, who are notified that they have been accused of violating the honor code, do have a chance to contest the allegation.

"If they choose not to contest it, then they accept the sanction that the professor has given. The professor has a wide range of options," Roberts said.

According to a brochure designed for professors, the list of sanctions that can be handed out range from a simple warning to issuing a failure of the course due to academic dishonesty, which is denoted by "XF" on the DARS Report. Roberts said the issuance of failure due to academic dishonesty is the most filed sanction.

Along with the academic dishonesty sanction, there is also a class that students can elect to take that will remove the XF from their transcript.

"They can take the development and integrity course. That's a one credit hour class that is taught out of this office," Roberts said.

Since students have to pay for the credit hour, Roberts said it is both a punitive sanction and an academic sanction for the student.

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Even though there is a re-established process in place, there are students who contest the allegations.

"This is very generalized number but about 10-15 percent of the students who come through our system contest an allegation. So, that is saying 85 percent accept it," Roberts said. "When they contest an allegation, we go to a hearing panel."

Before a final decision is handed down, alleged violators can go in front of the Honor Council. This council is comprised of students and faculty members from each college in the university including representatives from K-State-Salina.

Liz Boyer, graduate student in chemical engineering, said she joined the Honor Council because she wanted to get involved in a student organization.

"The Honor Council came and talked to the graduate orientation session and I thought it would be a good idea to join some sort of student organization. I've also had experience

ing panel.

"We determine whether or not there is enough evidence to continue forward with the process. If there is a hearing, a student member of the Honor Council will be called to be a member of the hearing panel," Boyer said. "The panels can last from one hour to six hours."

Boyer said that when she is a panelist there is reading done before the hearing and that can often be a large amount of work to be done beforehand.

The presence of students on the Honor Council is something that Boyer thinks is important and beneficial.

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in my undergraduate degree, I was a TA, I've had experience with students cheating before," Boyer said.

The process that the Honor Council goes through to handle a violation is similar to that of a trial. Even after a request for an investigation has been sent out to the members of the council, there is still a selection process that happens before the final investigators for that case are determined.

"We get requests to be investigators where a report is made on a violation of the honor code. A student and a faculty investigator get together and they interview the person who reported the violation. Then we interview the person who has been accused of the violation," Boyer said.

The members of the Honor Council who are not investigating are a part of the hear-

"I think it's a good idea from the alleged violator's point of view because they have somebody who is where they're at. Say a student was caught cheating on a test, other students would feel more empathetic toward the alleged violator," Boyer said.

Roberts says that it is up to the hearing panel to decide the final outcome of each case.

"I don't know percentage-wise but there are some times that a hearing panel says 'no' there was not a violation but on a lot of occasions they say 'yes' there was."

This process can often last months and within that time, Roberts suggests students attend the class in case the panel finds the allegation false. But if the charge of academic dishonesty is found false, there is nothing imposed upon the professor who turned the student in.

REC | Open next fall

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wouldn't open during this semester, but we wanted to make sure to do it right."

According to Hafliger, reasons for the delay include uncooperative weather, unavailability of construction materials, changes to the design and complications with choosing a company for the rock climbing wall.

Kyle Hammel, senior in secondary education and building supervisor at the Rec Complex, was not surprised by the delays.

"People have come to expect some delays," Hammel said. "One of the main reasons is that we are a functioning building. There are certain things we can't tamper with while students are here which has hampered the progress."

Once the expansion is finished, Hammel expects it to be a benefit for the students.

"People won't have to fight each other for machines anymore, and it will give us more room to work with," Hammel said. "For example, due to the limited space there has been no opportunity for indoor soccer. With the new multi-activity court, we can have indoor soccer every day."

This is good news for long-time member Joseph Brabec, freshman in biochemistry.

"This is long overdue," Brabec said. "Even before the construction began it was so overcrowded with people wanting to play in the limited time slots that many got discouraged from even trying. With all of the international students who like playing soccer, it was necessary."

One of the goals of the expanded Rec Complex is to make it more than simply a workout. Included will be a juice bar and lounge area with TVs and couches, mind and body rooms, and a games area that will have game tables like pingpong and foosball as well as video games.

"The rock wall, indoor gym and lounge areas were popular ideas with the students," Hafliger said. "We included what they asked for."

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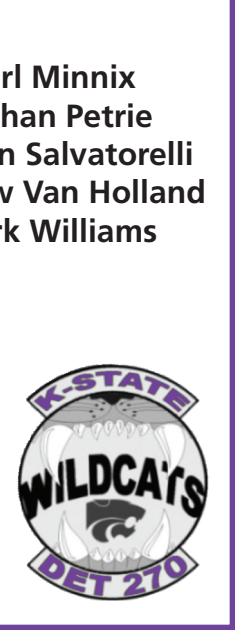
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